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1. Rosslau-Meinsdorf (E17), 4-6 June 1949

a. An armored unit with vehicles [redacted] is billeted 25X1C  
ed on the Rosslau-Meinsdorf road. Sixteen T-34 and four JS type tanks were  
seen parked in front of sheds.

b. The Engineers' School was evacuated by a penal unit six weeks ago. The com-  
pound has been fenced in and the new tenants, totaling 4,000-5,000 men, The com-  
are engineer, artillery, armored, and communications troops. Approximate-  
ly 40 percent of the men appear to be recruits; their basic training has  
been completed and they are ready to commence advanced courses. The engin-  
eers comprise a bridge unit; wooden bridge parts were unloaded at the rail  
siding recently.

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25X1C2. Zerbst (D98), 1-4 June 1949

a. An armored regiment and an artillery brigade have joined approximately  
500 rifle troops in the Heidtorplatz Kaserne. The latter two units par-  
ticipated in maneuvers on 3 and 4 June in the Zerbst-Güterglück-Lindau  
area (D98-99). Aircraft joined in these exercises.

b. The following movements toward the maneuver area were observed:

Thirty-four T-34 and eight 76.2 mm guns, the latter towed by trucks

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Troops (18-20 per truck)

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Approximately 2,000 armored troops from the Goethe-Mozartstrasse  
Kaserne in vehicles [redacted]

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c. A Drivers' School operates out of the Heidtorplatz Kaserne. It has  
been in existence since 1 April for troops from Wittenberg, Rosslau,  
and Köthen.

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d. There is a large fuel dump at the Goethe-Mozartstrasse Kaserne.

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Comment: In this unit recruits appear to number 75 percent of total strength. When it arrived, seventeen JS type tanks were unloaded. They have not been seen since. In general, Soviet armored units appear to be keeping their heavy tanks in reserve.

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